HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by:	Welch

A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the American Cancer Society and its volunteers for the work they have done to battle cancer in the halls of the legislature, as well as the work they do in communities across the state of Indiana. We congratulate the American Cancer Society for their Cancer Action Day.

Whereas, The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service;

Whereas, Cancer is estimated to cause the death of approximately 12,730 Hoosiers in 2007;

Whereas, The number one and two cancer killers of Hoosiers – Lung and Bronchus and Colon and Rectum – have killed approximately 4,980 Hoosiers in 2007;

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Whereas, Breast Cancer is the second most common cancer among women in Indiana, and it killed approximately 860 in 2007:

Whereas, The American Cancer Society is currently funding \$8,377,000 in cancer research within Indiana;

Whereas, The Society provides services and education programs in all 92 counties, including Road to Recovery, Hope Lodge services, Reach to Recovery, Great American Smokeout, and a 1-800-ACS-2345 for 24 hour up-to-date cancer information;

Whereas, The American Cancer Society has brought about an increase in community awareness of cancer and its impact, has stimulated public action toward an increase in research toward a cure, and has led the charge for better treatment opportunities for persons affected by cancer;

Whereas, Cancer Action Day is the day when American Cancer Society volunteers from around the state will advocate for cancer to be a top legislative priority; and

Whereas, The American Cancer Society volunteers in the state of Indiana should be commended for their tremendous work to better the lives of those diagnosed with this disease and their families through research, education, advocacy and service; Therefore:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to congratulate the American Cancer Society for their Cancer Action Day.

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